

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HELD AT THE
RUTHERFORD COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING IN THE AUDITORIUM ROOM ON MAY 15, 2007 AT
11:30 A.M.**

**PRESENT: CHAIRMAN CHIVOUS BRADLEY
VICE CHAIRMAN PAUL MCINTOSH
CHARLES HILL
BRENT WASHBURN**

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CALL TO ORDER/INVOCATION

Chairman Bradley called the meeting to order and ICC Board of Trustees' member, Grady Franklin, led in prayer.

ISOTHERMAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE/BUDGET 2007-2008
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Isothermal Community College President Bill Lewis presented the 2007-2008 budget request of the college to the Board and introduced Mr. Stephen Matheny for comments on the request.

Mr. Matheny said salary increases have been calculated at the greatest 5% or the counter step/grade as provided by the county's salary plan. The state is estimating a 2.5% + 2.5% increase for faculty and professional staff. Two full-time positions have been added for the new facility. Medical insurance increases is 12.3%.

There had been problems with the heating/cooling system at the foundation facility. This was monitored and manually adjusted to operate a much more efficient level. This line item will be within the budgeted allotment for the 2006/2007 fiscal year.

There is a 26.35% increase in the line item for the cost of electricity. This is to cover projected expenditures and the addition of a new facility.

An additional 20% had been added to the insurance line item to cover the cost of workers compensation.

In answer to a question by Commissioner McIntosh, Mr. Matheny said the college had received some low wealth money that had been used to repair some roofs and hvac system. There will need to be some major expenditures on these items in the next few years.

Dr. Lewis reminded the Board that a list of potential projects that the college would need to address within the next few years had been presented to the Commissioners in the last year. These had totaled \$9,000,000. They have been able to address some smaller items with capital money from the county.

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County Manager John Condrey said it is projected that the county will contribute \$250,000 in the next few years. The college could borrow funds based on this funding stream.

Chairman Bradley said the funding to the college had been at a level each year that would not mean a major increase during any one year. The request of the college would be considered during the Commissioners' deliberations on the budget.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Bradley declared the meeting to be adjourned.

12:23 P.M. -Adjourned.

Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Vice Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Clerk, Board of Commissioners